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MEMORANDUM TO LOCAL LAW LIBRARIES

RE: Gift of Discarded Advance Sheets to Local Law Libraries

At a recent conference of the law librarians of the Supreme Court, and of the law schools of the University of North Carolina, Duke University, and Wake Forest College, it was pointed out that each of these law libraries each year discard large numbers of advance sheets upon receipt of the bound volumes of these publications. This we felt to be a needless waste of relatively recent legal materials. It occurred to us that possibly many of the smaller law libraries which do not have resources to purchase many of these advance sheet services would be glad to get these advance sheets. Although the local libraries would receive these materials a few weeks (at most, only a few months) after publication, they would secure the benefit of such publications merely by paying the express charges on them. The four librarians involved have indicated their willingness to preserve these advance sheets and to ship them express collect to the local libraries, if there is sufficient interest on the part of the local law librarians and their patrons to justify the effort and trouble involved in such an undertaking on the part of the four librarians.

The following discarded material would be available to you under this plan:

1. All units of the National Reporter System - Southeastern, Southern, N.Y. Supp., etc.
2. U.S. Supreme Court Reports - Official Edition, Lawyers' Edition, Supreme Court Reporter. Federal Reports - Federal Reporter, Federal Supp.
3. N.C. Reports
4. Shepard's Citators - N.C., Southeastern, U.S., Federal, N.Y. Supp., Northeastern, etc.
5. Index to Legal Periodicals
6. Miscellaneous pamphlet supplements, such as U.S. Code Ann. pamphlets and pocket parts for N.C. and Southeastern Digests, Blashfield Automobile Law, Zollman Banks and Banking, Remington Bankruptcy, etc.

After discussing the value of receiving any of the above with your Library Committee and leading supporters of your Library, will you please write to me, giving your reaction to the offer indicated above. In writing please indicate (1) which of the materials, if any, you wish shipped to you, and (2) what other ways the librarians of the large libraries may assist the librarians of local law libraries. At the next meeting of the N.C. Law Librarians we are anxious to have the full benefit of your experience; we hope you can be present but in case this is not possible or is not convenient, we urge you to write us at length on this subject. Meanwhile, we will be expecting your answer to the two questions suggested

above, namely: (1) The materials in which you are interested, and (2) ways in which we can be of assistance to you.

N.C. Law Librarians Association

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